

## OLD COUPLE MURDERED FOR COIN

STEADMAN TELLS THE WHOLE STORY  
TO THE TRIBUNE.HE IS NOT  
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MURDERERNo Mystery Surrounding  
Actions of the  
Young Man.Has Told the Police All He  
Knows About the  
Burglars.THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS TO  
RAISE MONEY TO PAY THE  
MORTGAGE ON THE HOME OF  
THE LATE OFFICER SMITH,  
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STEADMAN'S STORY.STEADMAN'S STORY.  
Considerable comment has been indulged in regarding the varying testimony before the coroner's jury in the inquest over the remains of Police Officer Smith by Ross Steadman, the young man in whose home the late Goldstein and Kiniry, the suspected murderer of the deceased officer, resided.

VACILLATION.

It has been asserted that the vacillation of the young man evinced a knowledge of the crime which he was unwilling to disclose. Some people have intimated that this was a guilty knowledge and that, therefore, his reasons or concealment were that he might protect himself. These people asserted that young Steadman met Kiniry in his residence the night after the killing of Goldstein and that, for his own reasons, he much preferred to be silent on the subject rather than make an admission of the fact. It is also asserted by some that the latter which young Steadman handed over to the police which was supposed to have been written by Kiniry, was in reality written by Steadman himself.

NOT SEE KINIRY.

"I did not meet Kiniry in my house after the shooting last Friday night. I have not met him since. I don't know where he is. He has not written to me or to anybody that I know. When I came home that night, there was nobody in the house so far as I know. No noise was made by anybody that attracted my attention. Kiniry did not on that night, or any time since, threaten my wife with injury if I should tell about him. If any threat of that kind had been made, it must have been made before I informed the police.

DISREGARDED ALLEGED THREAT.

"My conduct, however, would show, I think, that I disregarded the alleged threat, because I did not write to the police just as soon as I could reach the station after leaving my house.

STEADMAN'S HANDWRITING.

With respect to the just mentioned in-

putation, THE TRIBUNE has secured

a specimen of the handwriting of Stead-

man and had it compared with the writ-

ing in the anonymous note found in the

Steadman residence on the night of the

tragedy and the conclusion was arri-

ved at that there was no similarity between

the two specimens of handwriting and

that, as a consequence, Steadman could

have had nothing to do with the note

of the alleged murderer.

STEADMAN'S DENIAL.

THE TRIBUNE today also secured a

positive denial on the part of Steadman

that Kiniry was in the Steadman house

when young Ross resided there after the

vacillation and in the dark. These de-

nials will have the effect of mitigat-

ing the harsh judgment which has been

passed on the boy, because he is re-

ally only 16 years of age, and will even-

tually divert suspicion from him to the

person upon whom it should rest. In

response to questions propounded by a

TRIBUNE reporter today, which ques-

tions fell off with one asking young Stead-

man to say whether or not he had met

Kiniry in his house after the shooting

in Jackson street and the answer was

as follows:

NOT ON MOTHER'S STATIONERY.

"Was the letter written on my

mother's stationery? No, it was not. I

never saw that kind of letter paper be-

fore or to anybody that I know. When

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WHY HE DID NOT ENTER KINIRY'S ROOM.

"Did Kiniry's room lie near Gold-

stein's? Yes, it was next to it and a

door opened between them. Why didn't

I go into Kiniry's room? I don't

know. I never thought of it. No, I

didn't try to see if it was locked. The

only thought in my mind was about

Goldstein and to see if his red and

black sweater was in his room.

LETTER LEFT FOR MOTHER.

"Why do I think that letter was left on

the dining-room table? I can't say. I

only guess, and that is that it was

left for my mother to see, so that she

might know that one of her lodgers had

gone away, and to let her know when he

might come back. I don't think that letter

was left for Goldstein."

Young Steadman was asked why his

testimony varied so as regards his motive

for going home immediately after leaving

the scene of the tragedy, and replied that

there wasn't any reason that he gave that

wasn't really felt by him and that he

had no intention to tell an untruth.

TOLD HE MIGHT BE KILLED.

When first spoken to Steadman stated

that he did not want to kill because he

was advised not to say anything. That

advice, however, came to him after he

had told the officers all he knew.

"I was told," he said, "that these men

had not hesitated to kill a police officer

and that if I told anything that they

would not hesitate to kill me. But, at

that time, I had given the police this

note and brought them to my house and

told them all that I knew about it. If I

am to be shot it will be for what I have

done already. I don't like to talk because,

as stated, I have nothing to conceal, but

because it is annoying."

Steadman was told that people couldn't

know how he had reached the scene

of the murder so soon after the enactment

of the tragedy. By way of answering,

he said that he was not at his home when

he heard of the crime.

"It was Friday night," he said, "and

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E. H. HARRIMAN IS HERE.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 3.—President E. H. Harriman of the Southern Pacific has arrived here from Los Angeles accompanied by President David W. Cox of the Delaware and Hudson River Railroad and Peter Garry and Harry Kennehan of New York. He said today that the Ogden-Louisville cut-off will be open to traffic in six weeks, adding that his visit to Southern California was in connection with his interest in the oil fields there.

ROSS STEADMAN.

TORPEDO  
BOAT IN  
DISTRESS.Tug is trying hard to  
Save the U. S. S.  
Moccasin.She is well in the water  
and may  
sink.Police Believe They Have  
Been Robbing  
Homes.Hold on a Small Charge  
While Evidence is  
Being Secured.

BALTIMORE, December 3.—The Little Island life saving station reports the tug Peoria standing by the submarine torpedo-boat Moccasin, three miles abreast of the station. The tug has succeeded in getting a line aboard her, but so far is unable to make any headway.

The torpedo-boat Adder has been sighted off the island.

The Moccasin is just awash and has small flags flying at each end.

The tug Peoria and submarine boats previously reported abreast of Little Island life-saving station, have lost tow again and are now trying hard to pick them up. Both tug and tow are drifting fast to the southwest.

BOTH DRIFTING.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Admiral Harrington, commanding of the Norfolk Navy Yard, has telegraphed the Navy Department that the Yankton, tug and tow, were abreast False Cape at 1:30 this afternoon, when both tug and tow were drifting southwest.

GUNBOAT SENT.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Admiral Harrington, commanding of the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va., advises the Navy Department that he has dispatched the gunboat Yangtze in the relief of the Moccasin and Adder. A later dispatch announced that the Yangtze passed Cape Henry, outward bound at 10:30 a.m.

CRUSADE AGAINST  
POISONS.AUTHORITIES WANT EXTENDED  
POWERS TO CONDEMN UN-  
WHOLESALE FOOD.

LONDON, December 3.—The Royal Commission on arsenical poisoning from food and drink recommends the prohibition of the sale of bees and other liquid food or of any liquid extract containing the composition of four or more of arsenic, lead, tin, or zinc, or of solid food containing one-hundredth of a grain per pound, or of solid food containing one-hundredth of a grain per pound, "no matter what habitually consumed in a large or small quantity." The report also recommends that more extended powers be given to the authorities to condemn unwholesome food, the establishment of official "standards," and the creation of a Board of Control of Poisons, which could be established by the department concerned, the latter's action being subject to the control of Parliament.

REDUCTION IN WAGES.

MEYERSDALE, Pa., Dec. 3.—Notices have been posted at the several mines of the Somersett, Continental and Merchants' Coal Companies in this region, notifying the employees of a 10 per cent reduction in wages, effective December 15.

WIFE BEATEI: HANGED.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Joseph Kanovsky, who beat his wife to death at their home in Moxerville, Pa., on January 7 last, was hanged today in the jail yard.

EARL OF STAIR DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Earl of Stair died today at Lochinch, Scotland. He was born in 1839.

ANNIE ROSS IS GUILTY  
OF MURDER.

THE JURY IN THE CASE OF AN-

NIE ROSS ACCUSED OF THE MUR-  
DER OF THE AGED MRS. LEROY,COLORED, FOUND HER GUILTY  
PRISONMENT.MURDERED FOR  
THEIR MONEY.Bodies of An Aged Couple Are Found  
Buried Beneath a Wood-  
shed in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, December 3.—The decomposed bodies of Franz Fries and his wife, an aged couple who disappeared from their home, 339 Jefferson street, on November 26, were found today buried beneath a woodshed in the yard back of their house. They had been murdered. The skulls of both had been crushed and a hammer such as would have inflicted the blows was found in the shed. Several bats were found clinging to the head of the hammer. A search for Charles Bonier, who moved into the house of the Fries on the day of their disappearance had been begun hours before the finding of the bodies, but the house was searched by the entire staff of headquarters detectives as soon as word came that the bodies of the old couple had been found.

On Tuesday Bonier appeared at police court in response to a John Doe proceeding regarding the disappearance of the Fries. The case was adjourned and Bonier was ordered to appear in court yesterday but he did not come. It was then that the suspicion of foul play grew stronger with the police, who had been up to that time that the old couple

had been taken away by relatives who had to do with their money.

Descriptions of bodies were sent broadcast and this morning the superintendent of police, Hall, received a telephone message from Erie, Pa., stating that Bonier had been arrested there as he is 60 years old.

Bonier's long-sleeping son, Louis Lindholm is in custody in this city. The police found on him personal gold pieces to the value of \$50. The Fries' bags were supposed to have a great deal of gold in the house. The woman says the money was given to her by Bonier.

Katie Kahan, a relative of the Lindholm woman, was also taken to a police station to speak and some stuff which had belonged to the Fries having been found at her home.

Besides their home in Jefferson street and had money in the bank, it was well-known in the neighborhood that they kept large sums of money in their home.

The Lindholm woman, closely questioned by the police, told the officers that the old couple had sold the house to him and that they had come to him to live. The old couple had been up to that time that the old couple

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## GENERAL WOOD'S BLUNDER.

The character of the alleged gambling establishment that General Wood gave an exclusive permit to do business in Havana is not so pertinent as the fact that General Wood accepted valuable presents from its proprietors. What would be said of the Mayor of a city who granted an exclusive permit to do business and then accepted presents worth several thousand dollars from the grantees?

The concern that General Wood licensed may have done a perfectly legitimate business, so far as the nature of it was concerned, but the fact remains that he was the recipient of gold and silver plate costing \$6,100 from the persons who owed their monopoly right to his official favor.

Sir Francis Bacon was impeached and removed from the highest judicial office in England for accepting presents from litigants.

He excused himself on the ground that the presents did not affect his judicial decisions. In truth, this exposure and disgrace was due to the fact that he rendered a decision adverse to a suitor from whom he had accepted a large gratuity. Whatever may have been Bacon's understanding, the litigant gave the present to get a decision in his favor, and considered himself bunched by the court when judgment went against him.

General Wood says the presents he received were mere friendly tokens given him at the close of his administration, and had no relation to the concessions granted in his official capacity.

It is an excuse that answers no better than Bacon's. He should have declined gifts of such great value coming from persons who were so deeply indebted in a financial way to his official favor.

General Grant, when President, came near ruining himself by accepting valuable gifts. His Secretary of War, General Belknap, was compelled to resign his portfolio and retire in disgrace because his wife received presents of money and other valuables from post traders, who received their permits to transact exclusive business from the War Department.

No public official should be allowed to receive valuable gifts from persons who have received official favors at his hand, either before or after the favors are granted. The practice is against public policy and destructive of official morality.

It can never be told whether such gratuities are the offerings of friendly regard or the price of corrupt bargains. A bribe becomes undistinguishable from a gift.

No matter what may be the motives of General Wood or the men who have brought the charges against him, the acceptance of the presents has dimmed his fame in a serious way. It is not to the point to say that he is a gallant, capable and fearless officer, an administrator of extraordinary capacity. That is admitted. It is the taking of presents from beneficiaries of his official authority that mars his fame. There's the rub. No sophistry is able to dispose of it.

News comes from the East to the effect that Russia and Japan are likely to compose their differences without going to war. China will probably have to foot the bill of the arrangement. The settlement most likely defines how much each power is to have of Chinese territory and trade.

The Los Angeles papers are bragging about the sunny skies and warm weather they are having at this season of the year. This is nice warm talk to give the Eastern visitors, but a little rain in November and December will go a great deal further toward making crops next spring than hot air now. No clouds, no rain. No rain, nothing doing at harvest time.

The news that Turkey is adding 250,000 men to her military establishment is convincing proof that the Sultan intends to carry out the promised reforms in Macedonia in real earnest.

The suggestion that persons who fail to put a contribution in the plate after listening to a religious service are guilty of grafting is both novel and new. However, if that is to be taken as the correct rule, why not charge an admission fee at the door instead of taking up a voluntary collection of the close of the services? If people are invited by advertisement to attend a free performance whether religious or secular, there is little excuse for grumbling if they omit paying a price for the privilege attending the show. To accuse them of "grafting" is both abusive and unjust. People will not be encouraged to attend services advertised as free if they are to be stigmatized as grafters if they fail to put up when the hat is passed.

Grover Cleveland's refusal to be a candidate for the Presidency will probably convince the New York Sun that he is not as badly stuffed as it is thought he was.

## A CORRUPTED DRAMA.

Recently a local divine, in a sermon occasion to denounce the stage and its tendencies. He said dramatic art as presented nowadays was demoralizing in its effects upon social life, and engendered a train of associated ideas and sentiments that not only vitiated popular taste, but absolutely destroyed the higher ideals of manhood and womanhood.

Within a few days after this delivery, this journal had occasion to editorially discuss the minister increase of social impurity in the community. Simultaneously four cases were on trial in the Superior Court of this county in all of which sexual vice constituted a central element. The disclosures in these cases were of a shocking character, but the details would have had a decided and beneficial educational effect on the heads of families had they been present.

The constant violation of the Seventh Commandment is keeping the divorce court occupied. The loosening of moral restraints and the lowering of the standard of conduct for women are having an effect that no student of the present day social conditions can contemplate without grave apprehension.

But what is the connection between the stage, the divorce court and social depravity? one may ask. The "problem play." In England, France and America adultery has been made the chief subject of dramatic representation.

The Fallen Woman has been made the goddess of the drama. The manner of her descent from virtue is the allegory shown upon the stage. The vicious portrayal is gilded as nauseous pills are sugar-coated. As a rule, wife unchastity is the chief incident of the play. It is exhibited rather as a misfortune than a crime.

As a rule, the lesson, if any lesson can be drawn from the so-called problem play, is that social conventions are iniquitous and that the moral standards of Christian civilization are a delusion and mockery.

The fault that strikes at the very root of the family, the unit of Christian civilization, is depicted as a virtue that is misunderstood and persecuted by a hard material and prejudiced generation.

This is the vice of the drama today. It is a vice that needs to be attacked with vigor and determination, for the brightest lights of dramatic authorship and the most talented stars of the stage are enlisted in its service. Both playwright and actor are returning to the license—without the ribaldry, however—of the decadent drama of the Restoration—a time when the stage pictured vice as gay, witty, lively, covetous, successful, while virtue appeared as coarse, dull, homely and ridiculous. The rose was the conventional hero and the unchaste wife the heroine. And the manners of the day were reflected back in the views of the stage. Are such comedies—God save the mark!—as Iris a reflection of society in our time?

The reverend gentleman who assailed the stage as being a corrupting influence made a mistake. He should have attacked the corruptions of the stage—the recrudescence of impure and vicious suggestions. Instead of trying to abolish the stage, he should have tried to reform it, tried to drive from it the impurities and vulgarities which are as destructive to true art as they are morally debasing.

The drama is one of the noblest productions of the human intellect. The field of exploitation is the stage; its interpreters and the duties and vicissitudes of human life its subject. No agency save the drama, nothing but the stage has such power to amuse, charm, instruct and inspire.

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# CASE WILL GO TO FORMALLY OPENED JURY.

WALKIREZ PROTESTS THAT HE IS INNOCENT OF THE CRIME.

CHANCELLOR VON BUELOW OPENS REICHSTAG IN WHITE HALL.

The trial of Anna Ross, charged with murder, will be finished some time this afternoon. The taking of the testimony of Victor Walkirez who is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin for the same murder closed the case. The woman did not take the stand in her own defense, her attorney relying on the failure of the prosecution to make out a satisfactory case against her.

Deputy District Attorney Walsh made the opening argument for the people and is to be followed by Attorney Robinson, the defendant and District Attorney Allis will close.

At the close of his testimony this morning Walkirez created a little excitement by rising up on the witness stand and asking the Judge to allow him to make a statement. He said that he wanted to protest that he was innocent of the crime and that as long as he had got a life sentence he did not believe it was fair that he should suffer alone.

At this point he was stopped by the Judge who took Walkirez to one side and heard the remainder of what he wished to say, but upon returning to the stand refused to allow Walkirez to make the statement to the jury. It is not proper being anything that could be allowed before them as it had no bearing upon the case.

There was little of an incriminating nature in his testimony as Walkirez states that he remembers nothing of that night's tragedy. He said that he committed the deed but remembered nothing about it except what he was told by Anna Ross, his evidence therefore had no particular weight except as to his general guilt in having been implicated with her.

The prosecution relies mainly on the matter of the letters she wrote to Walkirez while in jail to show her culpability. She was curious to know what was going on and what questions were being put to him and what answers he was making to them and had no reluctance in writing to him and asking him. These letters were interceded and in his argument this fact was the basis of Attorney Walsh's claim for a conviction at the hand of the jury.

The arguments will occupy the greater part of the day and it is calculated that the case will be given to the jury late this afternoon.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Chancellor Von Buelow, as the Emperor's representative, opened the Reichstag in the White Hall of the palace today.

The members of the Reichstag, in evening dress, court costume, military uniforms or clerical coats, stood close together in front of the Emperor's throne and did not occupy much space in the great marble room. The assemblage was smaller than on the last occasion, twenty-five of the Loyalists having been turned out by the Socialists, none of whom ever attends the opening of the Reichstag which is essentially a court function, all the members present wearing a royal order.

Both Protestant and the Catholic members were late, as each of these bodies had been detained by services in their respective church. The Chancellor also kept the company walking. When he appeared, with the Cabinet ministers walking two by two behind him, all present bowed.

Von Buelow entered on the left of the throne and read the President's message to Parliament. He said:

"His Majesty has directed me to express here his thanks to all those who have sympathized with his suffering and to say that their sympathy and hope for his recovery have greatly aided him."

The Chancellor then passed to the economic stage of the country, which he said, still suffered somewhat from the world-wide depression, which was unfavorably affecting the Imperial finances. Emphasizing the ever-increasing necessity for regulating the financial situation of the Empire with the separate states, the Chancellor remarked that, although a radical settlement of the question was now feasible, the government would propose a measure introducing the most-essential reforms.

## STEADMAN TELLS THE STORY.

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I was going up town because I didn't want to remain at home alone and I had gotten as far as Fourteenth and Broadway when I saw people going down toward the direction of the lake, some in a hurry, and I followed. That is the only way I can explain why I was down there. Other people were there besides myself."

### WATCHED BY POLICE.

The young man was asked if he had been watched the police and said that he did not know but that he felt they would see that he was not harmed even though they wanted to watch him. Steadman said that he did not know where his father was at the present time. The day he heard from him he was in San Bernardino.

### MENTAL PECULIARITIES.

The young man is a scholar in room No. 11 of the Polytechnic High School, which class is taught by Miss Wilder. It was at the Polytechnic High School that the TRIBUNE reporter found the youth after having previously had a talk with Principal P. M. Fisher, who described the mental peculiarities of young Steadman. Mr. Fisher said that the youth was of a wobbly character, yet was full of good nature and energy. He would accommodate his associates in many ways with enthusiasm, and if any tickets were to be sold for a benefit he would surround and sell more tickets than anyone out of exceeding good nature.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION.

There was something in his disposition that would seem, he declared, to warrant psychological investigation.

Mr. Fisher said he did not know what the parental influences had been. He stated also that on the morning after the inquest over the remains of Officer Smith, and after his teacher, Miss Wilder, had read the report in the morning papers of Steadman's testimony before the jury, said to him, "Oh, how much like Ross," referring to his wobbly disposition to which Mr. Fisher had referred.

### TEACHER'S VIEWS.

Miss Wilder, Steadman's teacher, was seen and asked Mr. Fisher's views upon the subject, declaring still further that Ross was of very nervous disposition and was, she claimed, innocent of any contamination in the case. Mr. Fisher later stated that he was glad that the coroner and his associates had been separated from young Ross, as he also feared they would eventually have injurious effect upon him.

### ROBBED PEOPLE IN FRISCO.

Today two articles taken from the news of Goldstein and Kirby were identified by residents of San Francisco showing that there was more in it than he thought. He was engaged in purloining the stove, having no home to live in, the inside when it suddenly burst up. He held to it long enough to throw it out of the house but his hand paid the penalty.

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### KIRBY'S VISIT.

"On June I made up my mind to go to San Francisco and was preparing for the journey, when Frank and Kirby walked into the house. My son said he had been working at Redington's. He stayed around home for three months and Kirby was there a great deal. At last I said Frank ought to find a position. I didn't think Kirby was a good companion for the boy, because he was roaming about too much.

"When they left in September it was, as I was told, for Frank to return to Redington's where he had said he was earning \$30 a month.

"That Sunday he left was the last time I saw him alive.

"The last letter he wrote was from Oakland. The one before that was from San Francisco. I remember he said in it: 'Mother, if it is God's will I will soon be with you again and everything will be O. K.'

"Such things as these in his letters disturbed me, although not until after his death did I know positively that months I had been deceived."

### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

The following extracts from letters Mrs. Greiner received from her son were read by Coronel Mohrman:

"You will no doubt be surprised when you receive this to hear that I have moved. I am living with a private family and have my breakfast with them in the morning. I think I am going up there a few days.

"You say that I will not give you a chance to see me in Frisco. I did not know you were coming up here, mother. I don't see why you keep worrying about my position. I am all right. The only thing is I am keeping on the move."

"I have not seen the Maures for over two weeks. You don't know how I have to keep going. I haven't much chance to go around to see any one."

Other testimony offered was that of Charles Kutz and Fred Kutz, Miss Daisy Nol and Police Officer J. M. Cockerton as to the finding of Goldstein's body and as to circumstances surrounding the shooting; Dr. J. M. Kane, the autopsy surgeon, and Eugene Van Court, who took Policeman Smith's dying statement at the Receiving Hospital.

### A LIVELY ARGUMENT.

Fred Oho who conducts a saloon at Eleventh and Franklin streets, was arrested yesterday on complaint of James Moore, who charges him with assault with a deadly weapon. Oho says after he and Moore had taken a few drinks in the saloon they adjourned to the sidewalk where they got into a heated discussion over the strength of Russia and the United States on one hand and that ended by Oho knocking Moore down for abusive language and that in falling he struck his hand on the stone curbing and cut it badly.

### DAMAGED BY FIRE.

The building of the Oakland Gas, Light and Heat Company at the foot of Brush street, was seriously damaged by fire at an early hour this morning, the result of the explosion of oil used as fuel.

The fire started in the boiler room, and in a short time the whole front of the structure was blazing. The fire department was hastily summoned, but it was unable to do much on account of the burning gas. The glass and greater part of the machinery were totally destroyed and a large portion of the woodwork was burned. The loss to the company will be very heavy.

### WILL FOR PROBATE.

Petition for the probate of the will of the late Edward T. Ledyard was filed with the County Clerk yesterday by Emily Wilson Frier, a daughter of the deceased. The estate in this country consists of notes and mortgages to the amount of \$2,000. There is considerable part of his estate located near Toronto, Canada, the value of which is unknown. The petitioner lives at 2117 Santa Clara avenue, Alameda, while other relatives of the deceased live in Alameda and Berkeley.

### MANY DEATHS.

During the month of November, the reports filed at the Health office show there were thirty deaths in this city, four of which were from typhoid fever and two were violent.

The other was a fourteen-year-old boy extension pen and pencil, which was extension pen and pencil, which was name of J. P. Miller, 1346 McAllister street, San Francisco.

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LIVELY DISCUSSION OF NEXT  
RAILWAY CLUB PAPER  
PROMISED.

The advance copies of the paper to be read at the December meeting of the Pacific Coast Railway Club has been issued. The paper to be presented Saturday, December 18, is entitled, "What Should be the Maximum Economical Load for Locomotives," and is written by Charles E. Bache, a daughter of Southern Pacific Company's

The practice of giving out advance copies of papers and treatises to be dealt with at some future meeting has proved of great value in giving the individuals members a chance to prepare for an active discussion of the subject in this way even though a paper presents facts or opinions not especially new, the advance copies may be exchanged for ideas which prove of great assistance to the club members.

RAILROAD MEN FORM A  
FAST FOOTBALL ELEVEN.

Harry Bachevsky, of the store force, the same Bachevsky, who as one of the Berkeley High school students of the glee club, achieved an enviable reputation, has succeeded in organizing a football team, which he believes is equal to any in these parts of the same weight. The team is composed mainly of young men from various holding positions in the West Oakland yards and lines up as follows:

Center, J. Powers; right end, E. Dugan; left end, J. Bachevsky; right end, H. Bachevsky; captain, left end, B. Rose; right half, J. Bachevsky; full, C. Anderson; left half, H. Powers. The average weight of the team is 146 lbs. It is known as the East Berkeley Football Team.

CAR FLOAT GOES ON THE  
WATERS AT THE YARD.

Yesterday the ship yard cranes were let down into the water and today car float number one was lifted bodily on the ways. She is to be "stiffened" throughout. There is some talk of putting steam into the float that is making her more practical for use, but it depends on tides and tugs. It is hardly possible or practicable to undertake this at the present time, owing to the fact that there are no bollards of the needed type on hand just now.

INTERESTING EVENT AT  
THE HALL RESIDENCE.

Charles Hall, gang foreman, is receiving the congratulations of his friends as he makes changes with a multitude of others, the joys and responsibilities of a grandfather. Mr. Hall is the father of Percy Hall, the famous well-known football player. Tuesday evening a baby boy arrived to grace the hall at home.

SHOP IS RECEIVING  
NEEDED RE-FLOORING.

The shop is to be replastered and floored in the near future, and in the meantime the weak spots in the floor are being replaced by new beams and plates. In the course of service he has accomplished wonders in the way of saving the wood to decay and months of hard work count for naught.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SHOP  
NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Horace Crocker, foreman of the air corps department, has left on a trip to Eastern points. In Mr. Crocker's absence, James Yost has charge of the air room.

Richard Lubbock has returned to work in the air room.

Engine 1340 is receiving a new set of flues.

Patrick Sanborn, machinist, was unable to come to work yesterday owing to a bad cold.

Jerry O'Brien, machinist, has returned from a short leave.

Mr. O'Brien, an amateur mechanic at Tracy, visited the railroads yards yesterday on business.

Mr. O'Brien was summoned to Oakland recently owing to the serious illness of his mother.

CHILDREN WILL  
GIVE AN OPERETTA.

BERKELEY, December 3.—The children of the McKinley school, to say nothing of their parents, are greatly interested in an operetta to be presented in the Swiss Hall next Saturday night. The children have been trained by Miss G. G. Winter assisted by Miss Vida Vervain.

The following is an outline of the songs and choruses of the opera, which is entitled "Grandma's Birthday":

Chorus, "Grandma's Birthday"; "Come Again"; solo, "Grandma's Song"; chorus, "Grandma's Birthday"; "Come Again"; duet, "Come Where the Wild Flowers Bloom"; soprano, Lydia and Eva, alto, Alice and Clara; chorus, "Yes, We Will Crown Him"; chorus, "Bring the Flowers"; dialogue, Little Mandy, Little May and "Grandpa" chorus, "Come to the Mountains"; recitation, Lydia; solo, George; Beth; solo, Clara; chorus, "We Will Give the Flowers"; organ, Lydia; solo, Little Maudie's song, chorus, "She Goes to Sleep"; invisible chorus.

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BERKELEY, Dec. 3.—The original manuscript of "Two Hearts That Beat as One," a short story by the late Frank Norris, has been placed in the State University library.

The story, which was first read at a story meeting, is the gift of Charles C. Norris, a brother of the dead novelist. The manuscript had been sold to a magazine from the publishers of which, he document was secured.

ANOTHER POSTAL  
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## PLANS OF THE S. P. MANAGERS.

MAY PUT ON ANOTHER BOAT ON  
THE BROAD  
GAUGE.

The Chronicle today says:  
Just what plus the Southern Pacific Company is formulating for the conversion of its local roads in Alameda county into an electric system is a matter which General Manager Krutschmidt and the other officials in the general offices of the company are not disposed to communicate to the public. Mr. Krutschmidt yesterday confirmed the announcement of the appointment of Allen H. Babcock of the position of electrical engineer and announced that he would be the man attached to the maintenance of way department under Engineer J. H. Wallace. Babcock will have charge of all of the company's electrical works, repairing and otherwise. Beyond this, Mr. Krutschmidt would say nothing of Babcock's duties.

Notwithstanding the secretiveness of the management, it is known that Babcock's appointment of the new office of electrical engineer and the duties that go with it, there is a general understanding that one of the important functions of the new committee to him will be the task of preparing plans and estimates of the conversion of the company's local roads in Alameda, Alameda and Berkeley into an electric system. A considerable saving in operating expenses can be effected by the conversion of the roads into an electric system, and better time can probably be made in the operation of the roads in Berkeley by the substitution of trains of electric cars for the present system of teams. One proposition under consideration by the management is the improvement of the local service by the addition of another boat during the hours of the morning and afternoon on the broad-gauge route. This would give a two-train service, the first on a half-hourly schedule.

The addition of the local roads in Alameda, Alameda and Berkeley into an electric system is a good idea. Under P. Huntington's analysis the matter was considered with a view to bringing about economies of operation and administration; but, proba-

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# SUPERVISORS WERE NOT READY TO ACT.

## Ballot Machine Matter is Taken Under Advisement By County Board.

The all-day consideration of the Standard and Columbia balloting machines, by the Board of Supervisors, yesterday, resulted in an adjournment of the conference without either machine being accepted and without a date being set for further discussion on the subject.

When THE TRIBUNE report closed yesterday, Kleper, representing the Standard, still occupied the floor.

The question was asked as to whether the Standard Company would give bonds in the event of its selection by the Board, and the same question was asked of Mr. Christiansen. The latter replied in the affirmative and Frank Jordan said that the Standard Company would also give bond in such an event.

Mr. Kleper and Christiansen said that a vote could not be cast without closing the curtain, and the latter declared that if a man wanted to leave the booth without voting, he could pass right out.

Mr. Kleper said that, in such an event, the voter could retire by raising the releasing bar. But people he thought did not go to the polls for the purpose of leaving them without voting.

### SENATOR LEAVITT

Senator Leavitt speaking for the Columbia said that as the Columbia machine had not come here with a long list of prepared questions and answers he would take up but little time in speaking in favor of that contrivance. Both machines, he said, would do the work, provided they were not tampered with. Honesty was what was required in their operation.

The Senator read from the report of

Professor Corey, the State expert, who examined both machines for the State of California. In speaking of the Columbia, the professor, among other things said:

"Fraud or dishonest manipulation of the machine examined is practically impossible on the part of the officers of election. When set up as it is during an election the machine is simple in its operation and may safely be adopted for use."

"The wear of the working parts resulting from use is very slight and does not cause a failure in the satisfactory operation of the machine. In general construction the machine is such that, with fair usage and careful handling, it would not get out of order or fail to operate."

The Senator dwelt with emphasis on the statement that fraud with it was impossible by voters or officials. The Senator then read from Corey's

report on the Standard machine, among other things, as follows:

"The only probable danger of the machine getting out of order, so as not to give satisfactory service, is from rough and careless handling in shipment or otherwise."

"The possibility of fraud or dishonest manipulation of the machines examined (two Standard machines were submitted) has been practically eliminated, particularly on the part of the voter. The machine ready for election purpose is easy to operate and may safely be adapted for use."

The Senator dwelt on the fact that possibility of fraud in the Standard machine had been eliminated only on the part of the voter.

He then read a number of newspaper extracts showing the alleged failure of many Standard machines in New York.

Mr. Kleper replied that one of the articles read referred to the Tyers machine and that the objection made by the Buffalo papers was inspired by political prejudice.

Senator Leavitt said it was a very easy thing to make defense when machines were criticized by saying that such a machine was no longer the Standard machine or that political prejudice had inspired the showing up of its poor features. He asked if it were true that when the Standard was criticized it was to be always attributed to such motives.

Mr. Kleper said he had made no statement to warrant an answer such as had been invited.

Mr. Kleper said that the Columbia had volunteered to allow itself to be picked to pieces. He said this considered this to be peanut politics. The machine should stand upon their merits for the accurate recording of votes under honest manipulation.

In response to a question of Supervisor Mitchell Christiansen said that he was willing to submit his machine to be fixed, while Mr. Kleper said he would not submit his machine to such a test. He would admit, he said, that the machine on hand could be affected with a rubber, but he repeated that to prevent such a thing in future the company had devised two improvements, which would render it impossible.

"So this machine is not the machine you would furnish to us if we should select the Standard?" asked Mr. Mitchell. "It is," replied Mr. Kleper, "the machines which would be sent here, if ours should be chosen, would have a clamp and another device which would prevent the application of a rubber." The Columbia offers to submit to be fixed, the Standard refuses—so what's the use?" exclaimed Mr. Mitchell.

The committee then adjourned indefinitely.

Speaking on the subject, Supervisor Mitchell said later:

"We have no time for the further consideration of the machines. We may not consider the matter next Monday. I don't know how some of the members feel, but I think that some may not favor such a consideration for, perhaps, six months."

## VISITED ACROSS THE BAY.

BUSINESS AGENTS INQUIRE INTO  
REFUSAL OF TRANSFER  
CARDS.

Business agents William Green, of the Material Traders' Union, and Frank Higuera, of Local No. 70, went across the bay last night and visited San Francisco Local No. 84, in refusing to issue or accept transfer cards in direct violation of the constitution of the national brotherhood. The meeting lasted until late at night, and the agents were successful in getting two transfer cards for their local. No. 84 will hereafter give and take transfer cards. Its members said they were misinformed about the matter, and that the constitution of the national brotherhood had been abolished, and that hereafter the work of that office would be made joint at a joint meeting in Niagara Falls last summer. Messrs. Green and Higuera, who are from San Francisco, expect to return to the city on the 15th instant, and then will report to Superintendent Small.

It was stated yesterday that there will be no change in the clerical force that served under Gilbert.

NO SUCCESSOR TO  
A. C. GILBERT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—With the retirement yesterday of C. A. Gilbert from the position of master car builder of the Southern Pacific Company, it was empty and is saved the corporation and placed to the credit of the retirement move.

Gilbert handed in his resignation a month ago to take effect yesterday, and last night he reported to the office of the general manager to tender his resignation to the company. Immediately after his retirement it was announced by the Southern Pacific Company's officers that the position of master car builder had been abolished and that hereafter the work of that office would be made joint at a joint meeting in Niagara Falls last summer. Messrs. Green and Higuera, who are from San Francisco, expect to return to the city on the 15th instant, and then will report to Superintendent Small.

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CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE  
FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

The First Baptist Church of this city was organized on December 7, 1851, and will celebrate its forty-ninth anniversary with special services next Sunday morning and evening and with some extra services next week.

As the services are to be held in the new church at the corner of Telegraph Avenue and Jones street, the present year will be one of unusual importance and the purpose of the members to make the fiftieth by far the best of its history.

The house of worship that the church has occupied since 1862 was burned August 10, 1890, and the church was rehoused in the X. M. C. Auditorium and for nearly a year has used the Masonic Hall. The First Baptist Church is one of the oldest Protestant congregations in the city, having preceded the First Presbyterian Church.

Its first house of worship, dedicated December 17, 1854, at the corner of Jefferson and Fifth streets, was the first built in Alameda. Mr. V. N. Vostburg entered upon the pastorate September 1, 1891, being preceded by Rev. C. H. Hobart, D. D., now deceased, who was the pastor for nearly ten years. Many of the leading citizens of Oakland have been members of this church.

E. S. FOWLER APPOINTED

E. S. Fowler has been appointed Deputy City Treasurer and Tax-Collector in the office of City Treasurer Fenton Taylor, and will serve as such during the present month only, as he will leave the city early in January. Mr. Fowler, who was appointed a clerk in the office last June to fill the place vacated by Mr. Keyes, succeeds to the deputyship held by W. H. J. Martin, who will depart soon for a four months' trip in Europe. Mr. Fowler is one of most competent, courteous and painstaking deputies in the city hall.

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